

JESUS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT





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THE THEOLOGY OF TYPOLOGY

Read Isaiah 52:13-53:12 **Behold my Servant**

Give your thoughts on whom this “suffering servant” may be.

Explain your reasoning.

Read Revelation 22:18-19 **If anyone adds**

By what authority can you read into the scriptures when it's not explicit?

What is a type or a shadow in the Bible? Give some examples.

What is an analogy? Give some examples.

What's the point in assuming these types or analogies? In other words, explain how it is helpful in your understanding of Jesus or the Bible



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Some worthwhile rules

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4. It will not bring about any new theology

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Remember, “Every matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.” (1Cor. 13:1). So let's find a few witnesses.

John 12:37-38 *But despite all the miraculous signs Jesus had done, most of the people still did not believe in him. This is exactly what Isaiah the prophet had predicted:*

“LORD, who has believed our message? To whom has the LORD revealed his powerful arm?” (Isaiah 53:1)

Matthew 1:22-23 *All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet:*

“Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means ‘God is with us.’” (Isaiah 7:14)

Mark 1:1-3 *This is the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God. It began just as the prophet Isaiah had written: “Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the LORD's coming!’”*

Luke 19:37-38 *...all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen “Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the LORD!” Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!” (Psalms 118:6)*

1st Peter 2:24-25 *He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed. Once you were like sheep who wandered away. But now you have turned to your Shepherd, the Guardian of your souls. (Isaiah 53:9)*

Steven Acts 7:48-50 *the Most High doesn't live in temples made by human hands. As the prophet says, “Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool.*

Could you build me a temple as good as that?’ asks the LORD.

‘Could you build me such a resting place? Didn't my hands make both heaven and earth?’

Phillip Acts 8:30-32 *Philip ran over and heard the man reading from the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” The man replied, “How can I, unless someone instructs me?” And he urged Philip to come up into the carriage and sit with him. The passage of Scripture he had been reading was this: “He was led like a sheep to the slaughter. And as a lamb is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth. (Isaiah 53:7)*



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Paul Act 28:25-26 *And after they had argued back and forth among themselves, they left with this final word from Paul: "The Holy Spirit was right when he said to your ancestors through Isaiah the prophet, 'Go and say to this people: When you hear what I say, you will not understand. When you see what I do, you will not comprehend.'*

Jesus Luke 24:13-32 The road to Emmaus. *Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.*

More Testimony

Luke 4:16 Jesus, in Nazareth, synagogue quotes *"the spirit of the LORD is upon me. This scripture has been fulfilled in this moment.*

John 5:39 *"the scriptures ... bear witness about me."*

John 5:45 *"Moses ... wrote of me"*

Acts 2 Peter's first sermon. He reference Jesus in the Old Testament

Acts 3:13 Jesus fulfilled what the prophets predicted

Acts 4:10-11 This Jesus is the stone that was rejected (psalms 118)

Acts 10: Peter with Cornelius. **All** the prophets bear witness to Jesus

Acts 13:14 Paul preaches Jesus in O.T. in the Synagogue. *"men of Israel, listen"*

Acts 17:20 The Bereans searched the scriptures

Romans 1:1-3 Jesus was promised beforehand by His prophets

Romans 16 a Mystery kept secret from long ago

1st Cor. 15: Jesus rose according to the scriptures

2nd Cor. 3: The veil has been removed

Rev 19:10 nature of prophecy ... the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy

Why was the death and resurrection concealed to the religious leaders?

1 Cor 2:7-9 *No, the wisdom we speak of is the **mystery** of God —his plan that was previously hidden, even though he made it for our ultimate glory before the world began. But the **rulers of this world have not understood it; if they had, they would not have crucified our glorious Lord.** That is what the Scriptures mean when they say,*

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." (Isaiah 64:4)

We tend to interpret *what God has prepared* as the glory we will see and experience in heaven with Jesus. But a careful reading of Isaiah explains that what God had prepared was that He would come to earth and suffer and die for our sin. No mind in the Old Testament could have ever imagined such a glorious event.



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General Rules – Hermeneutics

1. Context is king – ...*Judas ... went out and hanged himself.* (Mat 27:5) ... *Jesus said, "... now go and do the same."* (Luke 10:37)
2. Authorial intent – What did the author want to convey to readers
3. Readers understanding – How would have the original reader have understood the writing.

"Type" Rules

1. Forget general rule 2 and 3. *All Scripture is inspired by God ...* (2nd Tim 3:16)
Remember, Moses wrote only what God inspired him to write, as did all of the O.T. writers. Scripture ALWAYS refers to the O.T. in each of the 51 usages.
2. The Old Testament passage may be referenced in the New Testament
3. There will be multiple points of contrast or comparison
4. It should enhance our understanding of Jesus
5. It will not bring about any new theology
6. In any comparison, Jesus is ALWAYS greater

Rules for analogy

1. Purpose of Author – consider Star Trek vs Chronicles of Narnia. Star Trek was on TV during the Vietnam War and many viewers considered that the prime directive (non-interference) was a protest against the war. But Roddenberry has stated this was not the case ... that, in fact, he was a supporter of the war. Whereas C.S. Lewis intended to convey to the reader that Aslan represented Jesus. So, where we are justified in relating Aslan to Jesus, we are just making up stuff if we see the prime directive as a war protest. In interpreting scripture we need to be careful to consider God's purpose.

IN THE BEGINNING – ADAM AS A TYPE OF CHRIST

Romans 5:14 ... *Adam, who is a **type** of Him who was to come.* (NKJ)

*Adam is a **symbol**, a representation of Christ, who was yet to come.* (NLT)

Since Paul states Adam is a type of Christ, let's compare or contrast.

Gen 1:26 *Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our **image**, according to Our likeness;*

Col 1:16 *He (Jesus) is the **image** of the invisible God*

Heb 1:3 *He is the radiance of the glory of God and the **exact imprint of his nature***

Adam was made in the image of God. Jesus is the original of that image.

Trivia: What is the one thing that every person on earth has that Adam did not have?

Gen 1:28 Adam was given ... "*dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the **earth**.*"

Mat 28:18 *And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority (dominion) has been given to Me in **heaven** and on **earth**.*



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Gen 2:26 *So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a **deep sleep**.*

Sleep is often used as a metaphor for death. And while it seems unlikely that Adam died, his “deep sleep” could be compared to Jesus’ death.

John 11:11 *“Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but now I will go and wake him up.”*

1Cor 15:51 We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

Gen 2:21-22 *the LORD God took out one of the **man’s ribs** and closed up the opening. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man. “At last!” the man exclaimed. “This one is bone from my bone, and **flesh from my flesh**!*

Adam’s bride was created as a result of his wound in his side. It is possible the only scars in heaven will be the on the sides of Adam and Jesus

John 19:34 *One of the soldiers, however, **pierced his side** with a spear, and immediately blood and water flowed out.*

Gen 2:23 *“At last!” the man exclaimed. “This one is bone from my bone, and **flesh from my flesh**!*

And Adam and Eve were of one flesh. We become one in the Spirit with Jesus as the bride of Christ.

Eph 5:31 *“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become **one flesh**.” This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.*

Gen 3:17-18 *... Adam sinned and ... the ground is cursed because of you. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it. It will grow **thorns** and thistles for you,*

Mat 27:29 *They wove **thorn** branches into a crown and put it on his head*

Roman 5:15 *For the **sin** of this one man, Adam, brought death to many. But even greater is God’s wonderful grace and his gift of **forgiveness** to many through this other man, Jesus Christ.*

16 *For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused **death** to rule over many. But even greater is God’s wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will **live** in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ.*

18 *Yes, Adam’s one sin brings **condemnation** for everyone, but Christ’s one act of **righteousness** brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone.*

19 *Because one person disobeyed God, many became **sinnners**. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made **righteous**.*

There are a dozen or more people we will examine as types in the coming weeks.



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ADAM AS A TYPE OF CHRIST

Gen 2:25 *And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.*

How interesting that we are told of their nakedness. This speaks of the fact that they are totally open in their righteousness and there was no shame for them ... at least until they did sin ... then “shame on them”.

Adam went through the many stages of sin.

1. **Denial** – or Everyone does it. Everyone Adam knew (just Eve) ate of the forbidden tree. We may think, I have lied, but everyone has lied so I am sure God will be just.
2. **Blame** someone else – “*The woman you gave me ...*”
3. **Ignore** conviction – They knew *they were naked and afraid* so they hid from God. We sin and may ignore the conviction of the Holy Spirit by avoiding church.
4. **Works** - they sewed fig leaves to cover their shame. The works of their hands. Fig leaf Christianity. No work, no matter how difficult or sincere can substitute for the blood.
5. **Blood** Sacrifice – Adam and Eve were clothed in animal skin, no doubt bloody. With the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin. To be free from the guilt of sin, we must accept Christ’s blood sacrifice. “*What can take away my sin, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*” One day Jesus will give us pure white robes representing the righteousness of the saints. Then we will no longer be naked and ashamed. While the world may condemn you and “shame on you”. The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all unrighteousness and declares “Shame off you”. He not only took our sin to the cross but also our shame.

ABEL AS A TYPE OF CHRIST

Abel is the first and one of the few called righteous. Jesus is the true righteous one. Abel offered a perfect sacrifice. Jesus is our perfect sacrifice. Abel became a blood sacrifice. Jesus who knew no sin became sin for us and died on the cross

GENEALOGY AS A TYPE OF CHRIST

Adam	MAN
Seth	APPOINTED Gen 4: “ <i>named him Seth, “For God has appointed”</i> ”
Enosh	MORTAL
Kenan	SORROW
Mahalalel	THE BLESSED GOD Gen 5:15 <i>Hallel</i> – blessed + <i>el</i> –God
Jared	SHALL COME DOWN
Enoch	TEACHING
Methuselah	HIS DEATH SHALL BRING
Lamech	DISPARING
Noah	COMFORT Gen 5:29 <i>This one shall bring comfort</i>

MAN is APPOINTED to MORTAL SORROW, but THE BLESSED GOD SHALL COME DOWN TEACHING that HIS DEATH SHALL BRING the DISPARING, COMFORT.



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Old business - Who did Cain marry?

From the time of Adam till the flood the population could have gone from 2 to several million. *From 6000 b.c.e. to 4000 b.c.e., the world's population may have risen from 6 or 7 million to near 30 million* (encyclopedia.com) Cain could have married any of these descendants, including a sister or niece.

Ethiopia 5.8 per children per couple is rapid growth – Will double in 30 years

China 1.3 children per couple is rapid decline – Will halve in 70 years

A mathematician developed a method of projecting population growth called the Vandermeer Equation: $N(t) = R^t N(0)$

Year 25 Adam Eve have 6 children, say 3 males, 3 females or 3 couples.

Year 50 Gen2: 3 couples each have 6 children for 18 offspring

Year 75 Gen3: 9 couples each have 6 children for 56 offspring

Year 100 Gen4: 26 couples each have 6 children for 162 offspring

Year 200 GenX: Following the same formula there could be a population of 13,162

Year 300 The population could be over a million

Year 900 Adam died: Multiple millions are easily possible.

NOAH'S ARK AS A TYPE OF CHRIST

Genesis 6-8

1. The flood was God's judgment on an evil world. The ark took the judgment for the people in the ark. The ark was battered by the waves and wind while Noah was safe. Gal 1:4 *Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world*

2. Those who were **in ark** were safe.

Eph 2:13 *But now **in Christ** Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ*

Eph 1:13 *And **in Him**, having heard and believed the word of truth—the gospel of your salvation—you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the pledge of our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession, to the praise of His glory*

3. There was **only one way** into the ark.

Acts 4:12 *There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved."*

4. God sealed the door

Eph 4:30 *And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom **you were sealed** for the day of redemption ... we are sealed by H.S.*



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MELCHIZEDEK AS A TYPE OF CHRIST

Is Melchizedek a Type or a Theophany?

1. Gen 14:17 King of Salem gives Abraham bread and wine. Jesus gave disciples bread and wine
2. Abraham Tithes to Melchizedek – Only priests were tithed to. Jesus is our High Priest
3. Gen 14:22 I have lifted my hand to the God most high. Melchizedek Blesses Abraham.
4. Salem is Jerusalem - Psalms 76:2 *His abode in Salem* (not Massachusetts)
Names change: 1822 Cowford became Jacksonville, 1632 New Amsterdam became New York City, 1453 Constantinople became Istanbul, Salem became Jerusalem. Jesus will reign in Jerusalem.
5. Melchizedek Is both King and Priest... no one else is except Jesus. Saul was king and lost his kingship because he made a sacrifice ... only priests could sacrifice
6. Gen 14:22 *I have lifted my hand to the God most high. Melchizedek Blesses Abraham signifying he was greater than Abraham*

Heb 5:10 *And God designated him to be a High Priest in the order of Melchizedek.*

11 *There is much more we would like to say about this, but it is difficult to explain, especially since you are spiritually dull and don't seem to listen.*

Heb 6:19 *This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. It leads us through the curtain into God's inner sanctuary. 20 Jesus has already gone in there for us. He has become our eternal High Priest in the order of Melchizedek.*

Heb 7:1 *This Melchizedek was king of the city of Salem and also a priest of God Most High. When Abraham was returning home after winning a great battle against the kings, Melchizedek met him and blessed him. 2 Then Abraham took a tenth of all he had captured in battle and gave it to Melchizedek. The name Melchizedek means "king of justice," and king of Salem means "king of peace." 3 There is no record of his father or mother or any of his ancestors—no beginning or end to his life. He remains a priest forever, resembling the Son of God. 4 Consider then how great this Melchizedek was. Even Abraham, the great patriarch of Israel, recognized this by giving him a tenth of what he had taken in battle.*

1jn 2:1 Jesus the **righteous**

Romans 5:1 we have peace with God thru Jesus

Ps 85:10 righteousness and peace meet at the cross



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THE ANGEL OF THE LORD

First, a few Conundrums:

1) John 1:18 *No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us.*

John 6:46 *(Not that anyone has ever seen the Father; only I, who was sent from God, have seen him.)*

Genesis 32:30 *Jacob named the place Peni-el (which means "face of God"), for he said, "I have seen God face to face, yet my life has been spared."*

Since no one has ever seen the Father --- who did Jacob see?

2) Mat 28:18-19 *Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them **in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit**. Notice Jesus said to use the name. Father and Son are titles. And notice it does not say **names**, plural, indicating that there is only one name for all three. Entire denominations have been formed on the basis of this verse and what words to use during baptism. What is the name of the Holy Spirit?*

Angel of the LORD

Angel: Malak Messenger

LORD: YHWH. **YAHWEH** is used 6,399 times in the O.T. The English Bibles translate it in all caps as "**LORD**". And can be translated "**I AM**"

The first occurrence of Yahweh is Genesis 2:4 ... *the **YAHWEH** God made the earth and the heaven.*
John 1:19 *He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him.*

The first occurrence of the Angel of the Yahweh is Genesis 16:7-13 *The angel of the Yahweh found Hagar beside a spring of water in the wilderness ... Then he added, "**I will give you more descendants than you can count.**" And the angel also said, "You are now pregnant and will give birth to a son. You are to name him Ishmael (which means 'God hears'), for **the Yahweh has heard your cry** of distress. She said, "**You are the God who sees me.**" ... Notice that the Angel uses the same words said to Abram in Genesis 13 when Yahweh said **I will give you more descendants than you can count.**"*

Genesis 22:10-12 *And Abraham picked up the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice. At that moment the angel of the Yahweh called to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"*

*"Yes," Abraham replied. "Here I am!" "Don't lay a hand on the boy!" the angel said. "Do not hurt him in any way, for now **I know that you truly fear God. You have not withheld from me even your son, your only son.**"*



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Exodus 3:1 One day Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian. He led the flock far into the wilderness and came to Sinai, the mountain of God. There **the angel of the Yahweh** appeared to him in a blazing fire from the middle of a bush. Moses stared in amazement. Though the bush was engulfed in flames, it didn't burn up. "This is amazing," Moses said to himself. "Why isn't that bush burning up? I must go see it." When the **Yahweh saw Moses coming** to take a closer look, God called to him from the middle of the bush, "Moses! Moses!" "Here I am!" Moses replied. "Do not come any closer," the Yahweh warned. "Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground. **I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.**"

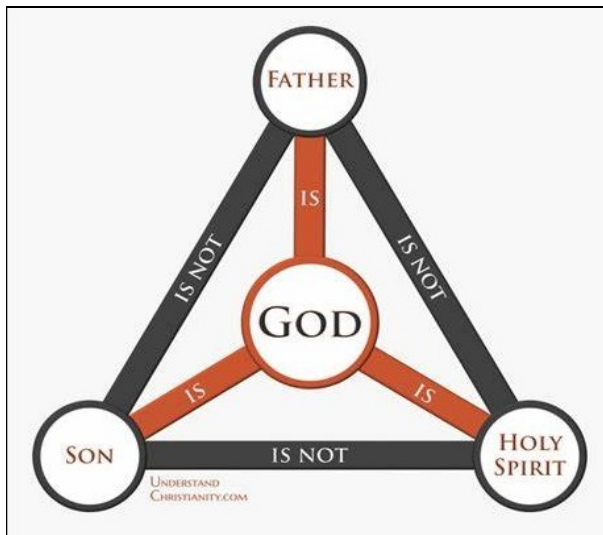
Micah 5:2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, **Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting.**"

John 8:58-59 Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, **before Abraham was even born, I Am!**" At that point they picked up stones to throw at him.

Isaiah 44:6 This is what the Yahweh says—Israel's King and Redeemer, the Yahweh of Heaven's Armies: "**I am the First and the Last**; there is no other God.

Rev 22:13 Jesus said ... "**I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.**"





The Holy Spirit is also Yahweh and is represented on earth as a cloud (leading Israel by day or filling the temple) or as fire (leading Israel by night or on the day of Pentecost). So, the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit is Yahweh.

The Son's earthly name is Jesus. His sacred heavenly name is Yahweh.

So, it may be inferred that the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit is Yahweh



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ISAAC AS A TYPE OF CHRIST

Genesis 22:1 *Some time later, God tested Abraham's faith. "Abraham!" God called.*

"Yes," he replied. "Here I am."

Abraham was now used to hearing the voice of God. In times past he didn't always follow God exactly. He was told to leave all family and go to a land God would show him. Instead of leaving all family he took his nephew Lot. God told him that he would have a son and instead of waiting for God's timing he took matters into his own hands and had Ishmael with Hagar. In quickly answering "Here I am" he has again the opportunity to obey completely

3 *"Take your son, your only son—yes, Isaac, whom you love so much—and go to the land of Moriah. Go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will show you."*

Why is Isaac called his only son when Ishmael was born first? Hebrews 11, the Heroes of Faith chapter can be a help. Hebrews 11:17... *Abraham, who had received God's promises, was ready to sacrifice his only son, Isaac*. The term "only son" is the Greek word Monogene—mono meaning one or unique and gene for offspring. This term is also used of Jesus in John 3:16 as the "*only begotten son*". And we understand that Jesus was not begotten in the sense he was born or created, for it is clear that Jesus was in the beginning. It is understood that John 3:16 means that Jesus is the one and only and hold a unique position with His Father. As such, Isaac is pictured as a type of Jesus.

3 *The next morning Abraham got up early. He saddled his donkey and took two of his servants with him, along with his son, Isaac.* Remember that Jesus came to Jerusalem riding on a donkey. (Mat. 21:5)

Then he chopped wood for a fire for a burnt offering and set out for the place God had told him about. 4 On the third day of their journey, Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. In a sense Isaac was as good as dead the moment they set out. Three days later Isaac is "resurrected". Hebrews 11 states ... *"And in a sense, Abraham did receive his son back from the dead."* Jesus was dead three days then back from the dead.

5 *"Stay here with the donkey," Abraham told the servants. "The boy and I will travel a little farther. We will worship there, and then we will come right back."* Abraham was telling the truth because *Abraham reasoned that if Isaac died, God was able to bring him back to life again* (Hebrews 11)

6 *So Abraham placed the wood for the burnt offering on Isaac's shoulders, while he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them walked on together, Isaac carried the wood on his shoulders and Jesus carried the cross on His.* (John 19:17)

7 *Isaac turned to Abraham and said, "Father?"*

"Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.

"We have the fire and the wood," the boy said, "but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?"



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8 “God will provide a sheep for the burnt offering, my son,” Abraham answered. And they both walked on together. Note that “will provide” speaks of a future provision. The fulfillment would wait 1500 years before Jesus becomes the “Lamb of God that takes away the son of the world.”(John 1:29)

9 When they arrived at the place where God had told him to go, Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood on it. Then he tied his son, Isaac, and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham was old, Isaac was young and strong, so Isaac had to willingly lie down on the altar.

10 And Abraham picked up the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice. 11 At that moment the **angel of the LORD** called to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!”
“Yes,” Abraham replied. “Here I am!”

12 “Don’t lay a hand on the boy!” the angel said. “Do not hurt him in any way, for now I know that you truly fear God. **You have not withheld from me** even your son, your only son.”

13 Then Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught by its horns in a thicket. So he took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering in place of his son. 14 Abraham named the place Yahweh-Yireh (which means “**the LORD will provide**”). To this day, people still use that name as a proverb: “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.” Hundreds of years later the Jews understood that the provision and sacrifice was still in the future. This is the only passage in the Bible where “Jehovah Jireh” is used, indicating that there is **only one provision** and one sacrifice that can be made for sin. We often think that God, our provider give us anything we want. But, like a good father, He gives us the thing we need the very most.



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JOSEPH AS A TYPE OF CHRIST

1. Both are shepherds

Gen 37:2 *Joseph was seventeen years old, he often tended his father's flocks*

John 10:11 *Jesus said ... I am the good shepherd*

2. Both were a long awaited birth and loved by father

Gen 37:3 *Jacob loved Joseph more than any of his other children.* Exemplified by the coat of many colors and when Esau came with 400 men ... Joseph was in the rear.

Mat 3:17 *This is my beloved son*

3. Both brought a bad report that made brothers hate them

Gen 37:2 *Joseph brought a bad report of them to his father.*

John 7:7 *The world can't hate you, but it does hate me because I accuse it of doing evil.*

4. Both tell of future exaltation

Gen 37:5-10 *"Listen, I have had another dream," he said. "The sun, moon, and eleven stars bowed low before me!"*

Mat 26:64 *you will see the son of man sitting at the right hand of the father.*

5. Both were objects of jealousy

Gen 37:11 *his brothers were jealous of Joseph*

Mark 15:10 *He perceived it was out of envy the chief priest delivered Him up*

6. Both were conspired against

Gen 37:18 *As he approached, they made plans to kill him.*

Mark 15:11 *the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead.*

7. Both gave up their glory

Joseph was stripped of his robe ... his Glory.

Phil 2:6-7 *though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being.*

8. Both were in the pit of death (possibly representing the grave and death)

Gen 37:20 *Come therefore, let us now kill him and cast him into some pit*

Psalms 55:23 *But you, O God, will send the wicked down to the pit of destruction.*

Mat 27:60 *Jesus was placed in ...a... new tomb, which had been carved out of the rock.*

9. Both were sold

Gen 37:27 *Joseph's brothers pulled him out of the cistern and sold him to them for twenty pieces of silver.*

Mat 26:15 *"How much will you pay me to betray Jesus to you?" And they gave him thirty pieces of silver.*

Judas and Judah are the asame name.

10. Both became as servants

Gen Joseph became a servant of Potifer.

Phil 2:7 *Jesus took the form of a servant*

11. Both received undeserved punishment

Joseph took the punishment for what Potifer's wife did, although he was not guilty. Joseph is one of few in Bible with no major moral failings.

He who knew no sin was made sin for us

12. Both are in charge and will judge

Joseph is given judgment and in charge. *All judgment given to the son.*

Joseph finally placed right beside pharaoh's throne. *Jesus sits beside the Father's throne*

Gen 50:20 ***YOU MEANT EVIL AGAINST ME BUT, GOD MEANT FOR GOOD!!!***



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MOSES AS A TYPE OF CHRIST

Moses was born when the king wanted male babies killed

Ex 1:22 *Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: "Throw every newborn Hebrew boy into the Nile River. But you may let the girls live."*

Mat 2:16 *Herod was furious when he realized that the wise men had outwitted him. He sent soldiers to kill all the boys in and around Bethlehem who were two years old and under*

Moses was raised in royalty and gave it up

Ex 2:10 *Later, when the boy was older, his mother brought him back to Pharaoh's daughter, who adopted him as her own son.*

Phil 2:6 *Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges*

Heb 11:26 *He thought it was better to suffer for the sake of Christ than to own the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to his great reward*

How could Moses know of Christ???

Moses came to his people 2 times

Moses visited his brothers. Moses' first coming was when he killed a task master abusing a Jew and was accused of murder and rejected by the Jews. Jesus' first coming was rejected by the Jews. Moses' 2nd coming was to judge Egypt and free the Jews. Jesus' 2nd coming will be accepted by Jews.

Moses provided water

Ex 2:15 ... *When Moses arrived in Midian, he sat down beside a well. Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters who came as usual to draw water and fill the water troughs for their father's flocks. But some other shepherds came and chased them away. So Moses jumped up and rescued the girls from the shepherds.*

John 4:13 *Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life."*

Moses brought the 1st covenant, Jesus new covenant.

Deut 29:9 *"Therefore, obey the terms of this covenant so that you will prosper in everything you do.*

Jer 31:33 *"But this is the new covenant I will make with the people of Israel after those days," says the LORD. "I will put my instructions deep within them, and I will write them on their hearts. Luke 22:20 After supper he took another cup of wine and said, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you.*

Moses was an intercessor

Ex 32:30 *The next day Moses said to the people, "You have committed a terrible sin, but I will go back up to the LORD on the mountain. Perhaps I will be able to obtain forgiveness for your sin." So Moses returned to the LORD and said, "Oh, what a terrible sin these people have committed. They have made gods of gold for themselves. But now, if you will only forgive their sin—but if not, erase my name from the record you have written!"*

Heb 7:25 *Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf.*



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MOSES AS A TYPE OF CHRIST

People could not enter into the Promised Land until Moses died

Deut 34:4 *Then the LORD said to Moses, "This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob when I said, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have now allowed you to see it with your own eyes, but you will not enter the land."*

We can not enter in until the death of Jesus

Moses and God provided Manna from heaven

Ex 31:13 *And the next morning the area around the camp was wet with dew. [14](#)When the dew evaporated, a flaky substance as fine as frost blanketed the ground. [15](#)The Israelites were puzzled when they saw it. "What is it?" they asked each other. They had no idea what it was. And Moses told them, "It is the food the LORD has given you to eat.*

John 6:58 *I am the true bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will not die as your ancestors did (even though they ate the manna) but will live forever."*

Moses struck the rock for water

Num 20:11 *Then Moses raised his hand and struck the rock twice with the staff, and water gushed out. So the entire community and their livestock drank their fill.*

John 7:37 *On the last day, the climax of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, "Anyone who is thirsty may come to me! Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, 'Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.'"*

Moses lifted up the serpent

Num 21:8 *Then the LORD told him, "Make a replica of a poisonous snake and attach it to a pole. All who are bitten will live if they simply look at it!"*

John 3:14 *And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.*

Jesus was lifted up and as we look to him we are saved

Moses was a prophet

Deut 18:15 *God will raise up a future prophet*

Act 3:22 *Moses said, 'The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from among your own people. Listen carefully to everything he tells you.'* [d 23](#) *Then Moses said, 'Anyone who will not listen to that Prophet will be completely cut off from God's people.'*



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THE PASSOVER AS A TYPE OF CHRIST

PASSOVER

Jesus died during passover

Covenant was instituted

Behold the lamb of God during passover

1st cor 5:7 Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us ... substitutionary atonement

Wine represents the blood of Jesus

Bread represents the body of Jesus

Passover was a sin offering ex12:12 execute judgement . Mat 26:26 The blood of Jesus protects us from judgement blood poured out for the forgiveness of sins

Ex 12:5 lamb without blemish (sin) heb 4:15 Jesus knew no sin

Ex 12:11 eat it in haste. 1st cor 11:26 remember until he comes??!

None remain till morning. Jesus did not remain on the cross until morning

The passover was the final plague that leads to deliverance. Jesuss death is the final sacrifice that brings deliverance from slavery.

Jn 8:31 the truth will set you free. Everyone who practices sin is a slave

Ez 6:19 only one lamb j. Is the only one.

Ex 12:46 do not break it bones. Soldiers broke the bones of the thieves but not Jesus

The lamb had to be slain to redeem Israel from slavery. Jesus had to die .



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THE SERPENT AS A TYPE OF CHRIST

John 3:14 Jesus told Nicodemus; *“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so shall the Son of Man be lifted up, that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life.*

Is Jesus comparing himself to a snake?

The Jews had daily, weekly, annual, and special sacrifices. They also had 613 laws on how to cleanse a home, how to praise, and how to live. For the Jews in the wilderness to live they had to look at the snake and do what else? Was there a prescribed sacrifice or a law that had to be obeyed to be free from death?

Number 21:4-9 v8 *Then the LORD told him, “Make a replica of a poisonous snake and attach it to a pole. All who are bitten will live if they **simply look at it!**”* 9 *So Moses made a snake out of bronze and attached it to a pole. Then anyone who was bitten by a snake could look at the bronze snake and be healed!*

Jesus, of course, is talking about being lifted up on a cross and that all who look to him can be saved. Nicodemus, a teacher of the Law, would have been completely familiar with the verses.

But the Cross comes under significant criticism.

1. Why the Cross

Athiest, Dawkins, has said *“The idea that we are born in sin is a hideous idea. The idea that the only way to be saved was Jesus death is a hideous idea. It is not an idea that Jesus was aware of. He never said “I must die for you to be saved.” As a matter of fact is that Jesus didn't know why he was dying. The proof is that he said “Father, why have you forsaken me.” If he's God he can do anything then why choose a horrific death for his only son.”*

Dawkins is showing an elementary school understanding of theology and the character and nature of God. He assumes that God can do anything. But God can only do things that are in his character and nature. God is love. He's the very definition of love and can't do anything but love. God is holy and can't do anything unholy. God is righteous and can't do anything unrighteous. His righteous nature does not allow him to fellowship with unrighteousness. So when he created man with a free will, he also told him that the day that you sin in that day will surely die and without the shedding of blood there's no remission to sin. So the cross was the only way that sinful man could be reconciled to a holy God

2. Jesus committed suicide

Jesus didn't commit suicide. What greater love has no man than he lay down his life for a friend. Far from suicide, Jesus death could be likened to a soldier that throws himself on a grenade to save his comrades or the firefighter that rushes into the building to save a child at the cost of his own safety and life. It would be absurd to say that the soldier or the fireman committed suicide.



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THE SERPENT AS A TYPE OF CHRIST

3. The cross is irresponsible and insulting.

The cross was a bad idea because it takes personal responsibility for sin from man. All one must do is look to the cross! Consider Jeffrey Dahmer accepting Christ in his last days on Earth and thinking that his sins are paid for. The issue here is that the critic must believe that his sin is less than any other. He may live his life the best he can but, in reality, he would still fall short of God's holy standard. I may cleanup the kitchen and to me it looks great. Marsha can walk in and find 7 things I missed. No matter how hard we work, or how hard we try ... we all need the cross.

4. The cross was too easy

Jesus knew he would rise again. But the cross is not just about His death but in the garden he sweat drops of blood and even he even prayed "Lord take this cup from me but nevertheless not my will but yours be done."

5. But why the blood?

In the day that you eat of the tree, in that day you will surely die

Able offered a better (blood) sacrifice

The life (soul) of the flesh is in the blood

Without the shedding of blood there is no remission to sin

Gen 9:4 But you shall not eat flesh with its life (soul), that is, its blood. Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life.

Justice had to be dealt with. What fellowship has darkness with light? It's actually impossible.

So, in summary, Yes, Jesus did compare Himself to the serpent in the wilderness. The serpent was cursed and Jesus took on our sin on the cross and though He never sinned, He became sin for us and became cursed. When we repent and look to Jesus we are saved.

God has unfailing love for us, but the truth is our sin must be dealt with. We all fall short of God's righteousness, but God used the cross to bring us peace.

*Psalms 85:10 Unfailing love and truth have met together.
Righteousness and peace have kissed!*

This was done at the cross!!



Is Jesus in the Old Testament?

THE ANNUAL FEASTS AS A TYPE OF CHRIST

Israel had many feast days and many reasons to celebrate but I want to focus in on the seven annual feast. There were four springtime feasts and three fall feasts. The first of the springtime feast is Passover, followed by Unleavened Bread, followed by First Fruits and finally the Feast of Weeks. The fall feasts included the Feast of Trumpets, the Feast of Tabernacles, and the Day of Atonement. All of these relate to Jesus, but so far only the springtime feasts have been fulfilled in Jesus. But just like the springtime feasts were fulfilled in detail, so shall the fall feasts be fulfilled by Jesus in detail in the near future.

Passover: Leviticus 23:4 (blood offering, unleavened bread, no work)

We talked last week about the feast of Passover and just to reiterate that Jesus is our Passover Lamb. He died at the time and place of the Passover. One may wonder how this timing was orchestrated by God. Was Jesus' death planned for that time and place; or was it the other way around; that the Passover coincided with what God knew would be the time and place of Jesus' death. I think the latter.

1st Cor. 5:7 *Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed for us.*

The Feast of Unleavened Bread: Leviticus 23:6 (grain offering, no work)

This feast was for seven days immediately following the Passover. Every Jew had to make sure there is no leavening in their house and for seven days they ate only unleavened bread. Remember that Jesus said beware of the leavening of the Pharisees. In other words, beware of the false teachings and sin of the Pharisees. By removing the leavening in their house the Jews are reminded to stay true to the word of God and to cleanse their house. It was nearing this feast that Jesus cleansed the temple getting rid of the leavening of the Pharisees in his father's house. And it Passover can represent salvation from the bondage of sin then the feast of unleavened bread can represent sanctifying our lives as we trust in Jesus to change us.

Mark 8:15

he cautioned them, saying, "Watch out; beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod."

The Feast of First Fruits: Leviticus 23:9 (blood offering, grain offering)

The Feast of First Fruits was in the middle of the feast of unleavened bread and three days after Passover. Remember, that Jesus died during Passover. And what happened three days later? Jesus is the first fruit, the first to be resurrected to live eternally.

1st Cor. 15:20 *But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.*

The Feast of Weeks: Leviticus 23:15 (blood offering, grain offering, no work)

This feast is also known as Succoth. This harvest festival occurs 7 weeks or 50 days after the Passover and in the New Testament was known as Pentecost, meaning 50 days. At that time the main harvest would come in and special offerings, including 2 loaves, would be offered to God. And it's easy to relate the events in Acts chapter 2 to the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit filled the believers and 3,000 souls were harvested into the Kingdom. This is what Jesus meant when he said the fields are ready for harvest.

Acts 2:1 *On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place.*



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The Feast of Trumpets: Leviticus 23:23; (no work)

This is one of the most unusual of the feast. It was simply a day of rejoicing and blowing the trumpets. And how much rejoicing will there be on that day when we hear the command of the Lord, the Trump of God and we are ruptured.

1st Cor. 15:52 *In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For **the trumpet will sound**, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*

1st Thes. 4:16 *For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout (Larry, come forth), with the voice of the archangel, and **with the trumpet call** of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever.*

The Feast of Tabernacles: Leviticus 23:23 (no work)

For 7 days the Jews lived in temporary shelters to remind them of their 40 years journey in the wilderness before they came into the Promised Land. Likewise, I believe that we will have 7 years to live temporarily near the throne of God while tribulation in judgment is falling upon the Earth. Only after these days of tribulation are complete do we get a permanent home in a new heaven and a new Earth. Our Promised Land. Daniel 9:27 *The ruler will make a treaty with the people for a period of one set of seven*

The Day of Atonement: Leviticus 23:26; (blood offering, no work)

The Day of Atonement was one of the most holy days in all of Israel. It is the day that the sins of the Nations could be forgiven and we could be at one and at peace with our God through the blood. The book of Hebrews goes into much detail on how Jesus walked into the holy of holies with his blood, proof of his death, to reconcile us to the father. In the new heaven and the new Earth spoken of in Revelation the human race will finally be reconciled eternally to our God and be at peace as it was in the Garden of Eden

Hebrews 9:12 *he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.*

The most common Instruction: Blood offerings (4), Grain offerings (3), No work (6)

Romans 4:5 *But to him who does not **work** but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness,*



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THE LIFETIME FEASTS AS A TYPE OF CHRIST

It was common Jewish history to highlight these particular lifetime events. We can find that in many of the OT characters and in the life of Jesus. Some have wondered why we here so little of Jesus' life from 12 until 30. But this would fit into Jewish history.

CONCEPTION – Isaac had miraculous conception

BIRTH – Isaac had a special birth

WEANING – when Isaac was weaned (3), Ishmael was bar mitzvah (12). A Time of blessing

BAR MITVA – Isaac become the son of promise

MATURE SON – Isaac took over fathers business

WEDDING – The Holy Spirit (Eleazar) found a bride for Isaac. Jesus' first miracle.

DEATH – Isaac died and was buried. Jesus died and was buried and rose again.!



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THE JUDGES AS A TYPE OF CHRIST

Joshua Yeshua Jesus

Moses, the law, brought them to border of the Promised Land but could not bring them in. Joshua led them in.

Judges - Theme of book

1. Israel sins
2. Enemies control them
3. Israel cries to God
4. God raises up a judge
5. Judge defeats enemies
6. Rinse and repeat

12 judges as this cycle continues. Where the judges all had their failures, Jesus is better. Compare and contrast

The people cried out because they had a temporary need (the land). Their falling away time after time showed they only had what could be call “cultural faith”. They
They wanted the benefits of Yahweh without the relationship.

We see that in n.t. In John

John 6:10 *“Tell everyone to sit down,” Jesus said. So they all sat down on the grassy slopes. (The men alone numbered about 5,000.) 11 Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God, and distributed them to the people. Afterward he did the same with the fish. And they all ate as much as they wanted.*

The next day ...

26. Jesus replied, *“I tell you the truth, you want to be with me because I fed you, not because you understood the miraculous signs. 27 But don’t be so concerned about perishable things like food. Spend your energy seeking the eternal life that the Son of Man can give you.*

They wanted the benefits of Jesus without the relationship.

1787 John Adams said, “Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”

1930 10 commandments depicted on Supreme Court

1960 no prayer in school

1980 no 10 commandments in schools

2024 Cultural decline – lower school scores, more violence, broken families

We see that today many people are embracing “cultural Christianity “.

Atheist Richard Dawkins “regrets the decline of Christianity “

Philosopher Jordan Peterson biblical principles without Jesus is the only way.

Donald Trump “if I do good, I will go to heaven” religion is good.

They want the benefits of Christianity without the relationship.

But this is a double edged sword. It could give false sense of security instead of eternal life.

JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY ... NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER BY ANY OTHER WAY



Is Jesus in the Old Testament?

THE FINAL CHAPTER – HOSEA – DANIEL - ISAIAH

As I share the final lesson on “Finding Jesus in the Old Testament” I considered which prophet to end with. I considered Hosea who was the bridegroom to an unfaithful woman. That is certainly a picture of Jesus as a bridegroom and us not being as pure as we think.

Then I considered Jesus’ most frequent description of himself as he called himself son of man. This is also how God frequently referred to Ezekiel. “**Son of man**, tell the leaders of Israel, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says ...’” (ez 20:3)

Psalms 8:4 *What is man that You are mindful of him, And the **son of man** that You visit him.*

Mat 8:20 *But Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens to live in, and birds have nests, but the **Son of Man** has no place even to lay his head.”*

Dan 7:13 *“I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the **Son of Man**, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him. 14 Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed.*

It was by claiming the title, “**Son of Man**” that gave the priests the reason to kill him.

Mat 26:63 *Then the high priest said to him, “I demand in the name of the living God—tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.” 64 Jesus replied, “You have said it. And in the future you will see the Son of Man seated in the place of power at God’s right hand and coming on the clouds of heaven.” 65 Then the high priest tore his clothing to show his horror and said, “Blasphemy! Why do we need other witnesses? You have all heard his blasphemy. 66 What is your verdict?” “Guilty!” they shouted. “He deserves to die”.*

These passages speak of the humanity of Jesus and the Divinity of Jesus. Another Old testament mystery revealed in Jesus. Jesus was fully man and fully God. Well these are both great and insightful passages, but I decided to end this series in Isaiah.

And in reading it, I pictured myself as one of the disciples; the companion of Cleopas on the road to Emmaus as Jesus started with Moses and then all of the prophets and explained how they all referred to Messiah. Cleopas’s companion is not identified. Could be a man, a woman, rich, poor, in other words any of us. Imagine yourself walking hours to Emmaus listening to his words of grace and mercy. Now, Joe, Donna, each of us, Imagine yourself sitting down ready to break bread. And as He picks up the bread, He smiles at you, you finally recognize Him as He asks ...

Have you not read in the scroll of Isaiah that the Messiah would be “*A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And you hid, as it were, your face from Me; I was despised, and you did not esteem me. Surely I have borne your griefs and carried your sorrows; yet you esteemed Me stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. But I was wounded for your transgressions. I was bruised for your iniquities; The chastisement for your peace was upon me, And by my stripes you are healed.*” (IS 53:6 – modified for personal)

And He breaks the bread and vanishes, leaving you with a burning in your heart and a desire to go into the world and share this Gospel.

And now you finally understand that what the writer of Hebrews wrote “*Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son*”

Amen and AMEN.